

I would like to provide my opinion regarding the recent initiative by NAB to restrict the use of satellite radio programming of weather and traffice as outlined in the NAB's petition 04-160. I currently pay for and use XM on a daily basis. It provides my entire family with the type of programming which we desire. We utilize the traffic and weather portion of the broadcasting format frequently when traveling. We have a motorhome and use XM exclusively in the motorhome. XM allows us as long distance travelers, to listen to the music we like no matter our location. We can consistently have the same station regardless of where we travel. Additionally, when traveling in areas which are not familiar, we rely heavily the traffic and weather for that area. If we did not have this option we would spend valuable time trying to find the appropriate information on channnels which we would first have to find a strong signal in the area for, then listen to programming which we may not prefer just to get the necessary information. I speak from experience as this is just we had done in the past prior to XM. I belive that I speak for the thousands of new baby boomer travels who have invested in XM radio to utilize in hour motorhomes. This segement of out society consists of a large upper middle class who have while not totally retired, spend our leisure dollars traveling throughout the U.S. and find XM and invaluable tool.